



March 24, 2023  
School Newsletter

**~Living Stations of the Cross** - Congratulations to our Holy Spirit 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who presented a very moving *Living Stations of the Cross*. This presentation helps each of us move deeper into our Lenten prayer and meditation of the steps that Jesus took along the road to Calvary. We want to give a special Thank You to Tom Wisniewski, Michelle Null, Diane Schoof, Joe Houdek, Kathleen Houdek, and the Holy Spirit Choir!

**~Enrollment and Registration for 2023-24** - This year both Enrollment and Tuition contracts are being done online! You received an email from SchoolAdmin with the link and instructions to review and sign your enrollment form. Upon receipt of your signed Enrollment, your tuition will be updated with any financial aid, scholarships, script credit, etc., and you will receive a **second email** requesting you review and sign your registration (tuition) contract as well as pay your family registration fee. We are simply moving the "enrollment packets" previously sent home in February to an online process. If at any time you prefer a paper copy of something, we will be happy to provide it.

**~March Reading Month** - March has been filled with activities including a March Madness Book Challenge, Guest Readers in classrooms, Super Friend reading, Locker and Classroom Favorite Book Covers Poster Contest, Read In, and a classroom READO competition with books read daily over the announcements. Happy Reading!

**~Theatre Update** - Congratulations to the cast, crew, and volunteers who helped make our Aladdin, Jr. Musical such an amazing success. Mr. Inbody and the Coopersville Area Arts Council are offering a Moana Jr Theatre Camp June 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at Coopersville High School for \$50 for students going into 5<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Click [here](#) for a registration form.

**~Grandparents Day** - Save the date of Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, for Grandparents' Day. We look forward to having our church and school filled with grandparents. More information will be coming soon.

**~2022-2023 Yearbook** - The yearbook order form is attached to this newsletter. Order your yearbook filled with this year's treasured memories for only \$11.00. Click [HERE](#) for an order form.

**~Variety Show** - The 2023 Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students are encouraged to show off their special talents by performing an original act. The Entry Form is attached and due by Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**~HS Titan Apparel** - Our Spring offering of Titan apparel is here! Please visit [this link](#) to visit the options for spirit wear and school uniform wear. NOTE: Orders must be placed by Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**~Uniform Reminders** - As Spring arrives, parents, please be vigilant in checking that your children are following the dress code. A reminder to all girls about the length of shorts, skorts, and skirts: **Length no more than 4 inches above the middle of the kneecap.** Also, leggings may be worn only with skirts or skorts. Please click [Here](#) to visit our website for information on ordering local at A+ Uniforms or online through Land's End or Tommy Hilfiger.

## Important Dates:

**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
~3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Ends

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
~Frank Diehl Memorial Blood Drive in the Activity Center  
7:30am-1:15pm

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
~PTA Meeting 7pm

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
~Paper Gator Color Day

**Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
~3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Report Cards Online

**Monday - Thursday, April 3-6**  
~No School, Spring Break!  
**Child Care - OPEN**

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
~Good Friday - No School  
**Child Care - CLOSED**

**Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
~Easter Monday - No School  
**Child Care - CLOSED**

**Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
~School Resumes

**Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
~Newsletter/Calendar

**Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
~Paper Gator Color Day

**Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
~Variety Show Entries Due  
~Yearbook Orders Due



**~ Parish Wide Easter Food Drive** – During the weeks of Lent, we are collecting donations to go into the Easter Food distribution baskets. Please send in food items by Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, to help make Easter a little nicer for the families served through God's Kitchen. For variety, the children are asked to contribute according to the following categories:

**Preschool:** Canned Fruit

**Y5 & Kdg:** Canned Fruit

**Gr. 1 & 2:** Canned Vegetables (low sodium)

**Gr. 3 & 4:** Canned Tomato Products (low sodium) & Boxed Potatoes

**Gr. 5 & 6:** Whole Wheat Pasta & Boxed/Bagged Stuffing

**Gr. 7 & 8:** Brown Rice & Canned Tuna/Chicken (low sodium)

**~ Student Council Service Projects** – Thank you to the many families who have donated games and arts and craft supplies for the Wedgewood Christian Autism Center. Donations will be accepted until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for caring for those in need.

**Paper Gator Color Days** – Families who bring in a large grocery-size paper bag filled with items for the Paper Gator on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, will have a Paper Gator Color Day. Acceptable items are school/office paper, newspaper, junk mail, magazines, hard and soft cover books, paperboard (cereal type boxes), cardboard (12"x12" or smaller), and shredded paper (bagged in clear plastic). We will also celebrate Earth Day, by having a Paper Gator Color Day on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Let's care for the environment, raise funds for the PTA, and fill the Paper Gator!

**PTA** – The final PTA meeting for this year will be on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, in Room 203 at 7pm. Thank you to all who came out to the Titan Give Back night at Uccello's. We are planning to have one more Give Back night before the end of the school year.

**Summer Camp** – Looking for a great Catholic summer camp for your children? Camp Sancta Maria (CSM) is a Catholic camp located in Gaylord, MI. At CSM, our campers escape the electronics and digital media that are part of their daily lives. Infused into all of our adventures and activities is an atmosphere of faith, as we testify to our young people that the greatest joy in life comes from having a personal relationship with the Lord. Sessions run mid-June through mid-August. Go to [www.campsanctamaria.org](http://www.campsanctamaria.org) for more information.

### **Awesome Authors Club!**

Congratulations to the following HS published authors for the month of March!

- KDG:** Hailey Y., Shai D., Sutton D.  
**1H:** Tucker J., Emmett T., Luke F., Graham G., Declan M., Charlee J., Malina D.  
**1S:** Jackson F., Ian H., JJ J., Russell J., Warren D., Theo B., Max K., Eva G., Danica G., Mya G., Sophia P., Abigail P., Anna G., Natalie G., Ellie S., Elias B.  
**2J:** Madison W., Clara B., Mary S., Matt M., Max S., Ava D., Wyatt S., Charlotte T., Evelyn B., Aiden G.  
**2M:** Annie N., Ellory R., Ella W., Cece B., Cora P., Quinn H., Henry A., Landon B., Edward B., Charlotte K., Charlie S., Annabelle P., Callan G.  
**3K:** Ethan L., Morgan B., Maddie B., Nick J., Felix P., Kennidy C., Bryce D., Jack L., Izzy A.  
**4D:** Peter A., Paul A., Patrick S.  
**5R:** Marcus A., Sofia M., Evelyn A., Keira G.

### **Library Birthday Book Club**

Thank you to Max M., Charlotte K., and Mrs. Null for donating a book to the library in honor of their birthdays.

Their donations are greatly appreciated and in return for their generosity, they have received a color day pass!

## Boosters' News

### 2023-24 Sports Physicals Coming Soon!

If you plan on competing in GRACEAC sports in the 2023-24 school year, we will be holding physicals at Holy Spirit on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Current 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible. More details will be sent out in the coming weeks. By participating in these physicals, you will make a seamless transition into fall sports starting in August. Stay tuned!

## Religious Education News

**Attention All Current Volunteers and Employees:** If you have not already done so, please be sure to log in to your Virtus account and be sure your name matches your driver's license, including middle name. Then you will need to complete the information requested by the Selection.com Company using the "pink" box on the home page of your account or through the email from Virtus.org. An email was sent to the email address listed on your Virtus account on March 7/8, which gave your username and a link to the Selection.com background check information request. Please check your spam folder if you do not see it. We need everyone to complete this by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The diocese will remove anyone not in compliance on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and you will not be eligible to volunteer or work in the diocese at that point. Please contact Diane Schoof if you did not receive the email from Virtus asking you to complete this information.

**New Volunteers:** If you plan to go on field trips this spring, and have not completed the diocesan requirements for volunteers, please do so now. Waiting until right before the trip may not allow enough time for the background checks to be completed in time. Go to [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) and click on First Time Registrant on the left side. Volunteers **only** may do this online.

### Holy Spirit Child Development Center: Summer Care Program 2023: Enrollment Information

It is that time of year to be thinking about summer activities and vacations. The CDC staff has been busy planning activities for the 2023 Summer Care Program. Summer Care will begin on Monday, June 12, 2023, and will end on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. The Summer Care Program is available for Holy Spirit children in Preschool (3 years of age and toilet-trained) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. All children enrolled in Summer Care must be fully enrolled for the fall 2023-2024 school year. The center hours are 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4). Each day will be filled with special activities for all the children. There are weekly destination field trip opportunities for children enrolled on a regular basis in child care and are entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall 2023-2024 school year. Registration paperwork will be sent via email at the end of March 2023. Please remember to fill out the hot pink child care interest form sent home by the school office, or email [mfrancis@hsparish.org](mailto:mfrancis@hsparish.org) to add your name to the registration email list.



★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jakub K., Marcus C., Lucy H., Kinsley V., Jasmine D., Zavyer H.,  
Ocea H., Sam B., Patrick S., Mila M., Jagger S., Sutton B., Connell O.,  
Landon B., Arthur B., Aiden D., Lucy K., Calla G., Annabelle P.,  
Charlie S., Mya G., Mrs. Long, Mr. Houdek, Mrs. Houdek, Mrs. Garvey,  
Mrs. McAlary, Mr. Kalahar, Mrs. Ryan

### Link Box...

[GVSU Stem Summer Camps](#)  
[John Ball Zoo Summer Camps](#)  
[Battle GR Intro Volleyball League](#)  
[Camp Sancta Maria Summer Camp](#)

### **SEVERE WEATHER**



With the arrival of Spring, we need to prepare for severe weather that may occur. Holy Spirit School will remain in regular session during a severe weather watch/warning.



### **In Sympathy**

Please remember in prayer, the **Valliere Family** on the passing of their Great- Grandmother, the **Freybler Family** on the loss of their Grandfather, and the **Seif Family** on the death of their Great-Grandmother. May the memories of their loved ones live on in their hearts and bring them peace.

### **Spanish Class News at Holy Spirit: March 2023**

**Kindergarten-** Mrs. Kalahar always asks the students to tell her a word they learned in Spanish class that day; ask your child to tell you a word as well each Tuesday! Their word this week was soy which means I am, as in Soy Timbo (I am Timbo). We practiced it in class this week and I use soy + child's name to pass back papers. We learned a new song about Imagination Glasses and students have been reviewing colors by coloring objects from that song.

**First grade-** We've been learning about the main meals (desayuno-breakfast, almuerzo-lunch and cena-dinner). We are learning a song called "Jugo de Naranja" which can be practiced on youtube. We give our feedback on food and drinks in Spanish (me gusta, no me gusta, me encanta, que asco, etc).

**Second-Third grades-** We have been learning vocabulary in 2 cartoon episodes about Timbo going to Earth and Wants to Paint. Have your child tell you about the main idea in these episodes and any vocabulary words/colors they remember in Spanish.

**Fourth grade-** In 4th grade, we have been learning about Senorita Amarilla and Senor Azul in 3 continuous episodes which tell their story. We've been identifying vocabulary and practicing speaking using flashcards to retell the third episode. Next week, we will wrap up with the 4th and final episode.

**Fifth-Seventh grades-** Students are finishing Unit 2.5 and reviewing vocabulary through online practice/games. 5th/6th grades will identify the Spanish speaking countries next and research one of the countries. 7th grade will continue next with Unit 3 vocabulary.

**Eighth grade-** Both classes are in Unit 4 which focuses on professions. Students continue to read Spanish in context, write in simple sentences, and answer questions using short phrases in Spanish. Students also practice retelling/summarizing what they read in English.

Hasta abril, Sra Long (senoraloreal@gmail.com)

## *Holy Spirit Mission Statement*

*Our mission at Holy Spirit School is to learn, live, and share the message and teachings of Jesus Christ.*



### **Celebrate West Auction 2023**

Registration for the 2023 Celebrate West Auction is now open! We invite you to join us on Friday, April 14 as our community comes together to support West Catholic High School. Enjoy the live auction, raffles, Billy K's LAST WC Polish-style dinner, champagne toast, and much more.

Visit [grssc.ejoinme.org/celebratwest2023](https://grssc.ejoinme.org/celebratwest2023) for tickets and sponsorship information.

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### **Employment Opportunity in the HS Child Development Center**

Come join the fun – the Holy Spirit Child Development Center is hiring! This is a great opportunity to gain experience working with children for many different degrees. We are looking for caregivers (18 years of age and older) to work this fall during the school year (2023-2024) on a regular basis from 3:00pm to 5:00/6:00pm, Monday through Friday. There may be opportunities for additional hours depending on availability, and even potential opportunities to work this summer as well! Training for new hires can begin as soon as possible. New hires must have a love for working with children, and be willing to do some simple licensing required online training and background checks. For further information, please contact the Holy Spirit Child Development Center Director, Melanie Francis, at [mfrancis@hsparish.org](mailto:mfrancis@hsparish.org).

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### **ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH/SCHOOL**

Cursillo of Grand Rapids is providing a men's weekend beginning April 20<sup>th</sup> – April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cursillo is a worldwide movement with the blessing of the current and previous Popes. Cursillo provides Catholic men and women an opportunity to grow in their faith. For more information, visit our website [grcursillo.org](https://grcursillo.org) or contact Tim Reno @616-894-5652.

## **FEATURED AUTHOR OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to Mary S., in Grade 2, our Featured Author of the Month!! She has won a lunch of her choice and her story is featured below.

### **THE TURTLE**

**By  
Mary S.**

*(This book is dedicated to her sisters.)*

### **CHAPTER 1**

There once was a turtle who lived in a pond.

The turtle was very lonely, he had no friends.

One day a gardener came and saw the turtle. The gardener picked the turtle up and took him away.

The next day it was his son's birthday and he didn't have a gift for him. He started to think....

### **CHAPTER 2**

Suddenly the man had an idea! He would give the turtle to his son.

The man put the turtle in a box. The turtle was scared.

The next day the man gave the turtle to the boy.

The boy loved the turtle, the turtle loved the boy.

**The End**

### **About the Author**

*Mary's favorite book is The Bailey School Kids. Her favorite holiday is Christmas. Her favorite vacation was to Jamaica with her family. She loved getting ice cream every day. Her favorite flavors she got were twist and sea salt caramel.*





## Holy Spirit School Calendar, April, 2023

[NWEA MAP Testing 4/17-5/12](#)

[Lunch Supervision, Grade 2](#) / For updated information go to [www.holyspiritschoolgr.org](http://www.holyspiritschoolgr.org)

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2 Palm Sunday Gospel Mt 26-27	3 <u>Spring Break</u> <u>Week</u> Child Care Open	4 Child Care Open	5 Child Care Open	6 Holy <u>Thursday</u> Child Care Open	7 <u>Good Friday</u> <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	8
9 Choir <u>10:00 Mass</u> Easter! Gospel Jn 20:1-9	10 Easter <u>Monday</u> <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	11 Choir 3:15-4:15	12 Girls on the Run 3:30-5:00	13 Grade 1 Little Flowers 3:15-4:30	14 Mass 8:30	15
16 Divine Mercy <u>Sunday</u> Gospel Jn 20:19-31	17 Girls on the Run 3:30-5:00	18	19 Girls on the Run <u>3:30-5:00</u> Board Meeting 6:30	20	21 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Frankfurter <u>Friday</u> Newsletter/ Calendar	22 Earth Day
23 Gospel Lk 24:13-35	24 Girls on the Run 3:30-5:00	25 Paper Gator Color Day	26 Girls on the Run 3:30-5:00	27	28 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Yearbook <u>Orders Due</u> Variety Show Entry Forms Due	29
30 Gospel Jn 10:1-10						

## **2023 Holy Spirit School ~ Variety Show**

The 2023 Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Again this year, we are encouraging students to show off their special talents and gifts to perform an original act. Students may consider presenting:

- A dance routine
- A dramatic reading
- A stand-up comedy routine
- An instrumental or vocal piece
- The “sky's the limit!”

We are asking students to please refrain from lip syncs. All vocal pieces should have karaoke-style or live music for accompaniment.

The variety show entry form is to be turned into the school office by **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please be sure to fill out the form and read this letter completely with your parents, so you understand all the rules. Each participant must have his/her parent's signature.

Acts should be no longer than 2 minutes. Parents, please listen to the music your child has chosen as well as approving dance moves, jokes, and costuming. If deemed inappropriate and/or suggestive, your child will be asked to choose different music, dance moves, and/or costuming.

Rehearsal and approval dates will be announced the week of **May 8<sup>th</sup>** and will be held during lunch hour from 11:45-12:15 in the gym. These dates are to give out information to all the acts and/or approve the content of the act. These are not open practice sessions. Students are responsible for organizing the members of their act and practicing at home or at times other than the final rehearsal and approval dates. Keep in mind during your practicing that the stage area is 16 feet long and 12 feet wide.

If you have any questions or concerns, we will be happy to help you.

### **Variety Show Committee**

**Lizzie Duffy**

**Erin Gottleber**

**Paula Ryan**

### **Music/Sound Equipment Coordinator**

**Joe and Kathleen Houdek**



**HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL**  
**Variety Show Entry Form – 2023**

**TYPE OF ACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SONG TITLE/ARTIST:** \_\_\_\_\_

***Please Note: All participants must be enrolled at Holy Spirit School.  
Depending upon the number of interested participants –  
students may be limited to one performance.***

	<u>List of Persons Participating:</u>	<u>Grade/Class</u>	<u>Phone #:</u>	<u>Parent's Signature</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Length of act (**Not to exceed 2 min.**): \_\_\_\_\_.

Equipment Needed (provided by participant): \_\_\_\_\_.

Equipment Needed (provided by Holy Spirit): \_\_\_\_\_.

Parents are requested to help at the rehearsals or with show set-up – please include a phone number where we might contact you to schedule a time to help (i.e. assisting with 11:45-12:15 rehearsal sessions, making phone calls from home, decorating for show). Thank you!

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Date rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_ Act approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form to the school office by **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**.

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**2022-23 YEARBOOK SALE    Don't Miss Out!**

Order now for a yearbook this spring!

Return the following form to your teacher by Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ yearbook(s) for the \_\_\_\_\_ family.

I have enclosed \$11 for each book ordered.

Checks may be made payable to **School Spirit Photography**.

Please send the yearbooks home with \_\_\_\_\_ in Gr. \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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